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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated December 12, 2005, having a shortened statutory period expiring March 13, 2006 (March 12, 2006, being a Sunday). Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth below.

It is believed that no fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any fee necessary from Deposit Account No. 502264.